CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claim 1. (currently amended) A key box having a door (13) and a metal and/or plastic housing which can be closed by the door (13), the housing comprising a rear wall (22, 22) and side walls (7, 8), the rear wall (22, 22) of the housing being provided with ~~key-hanging~~ means for hanging keys supported directly by said rear wall, wherein the side walls (7, 8) and the door (13) consist of cut-to-length extruded profiles which, in the region of the edges of the side walls (7,8) facing away from the door (13), have vertically running guide grooves (18, 19) for receiving the rear wall (22, 22), the side walls (7, 8) being attached to a bottom part (2) forming the floor of the box and a top part (1) forming the roof of the box.

Claim 2. (previously presented) The key box as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the side walls (7, 8) are configured partially as hollow profiles.

Claim 3. (cancelled)

Claim 4. (previously presented) The key box as claimed in Claim 1, characterized in that the side walls (7, 8) and the door (13) are configured as aluminum extruded profiles.

Claim 5. (previously presented) The key box as claimed in Claim 1, characterized in that the top part (1) and the bottom part (2) are configured as plastic injection-molded parts.

Claim 6. (currently amended) A key box having a door (13) and a metal and/or plastic housing which can be closed by the door (13), the housing comprising a continuous rear wall (22) and side walls (7, 8), the rear wall (22) of the housing comprising a plurality of segments (22) disposed one above the other being provided with ~~key-hanging~~ means for hanging keys supported directly by said rear wall, said plurality of segments having substantially planar top and bottom edges for forming said continuous rear wall, wherein the side walls (7, 8) and the door (13) comprise cut-to-length continuous profiles which, in the region of the edges of the side walls (7, 8) facing away from the door (13), have vertically running guide grooves (18, 19) for receiving the rear wall (22), the segments (22) having studs (26) and recesses (27) on the upper and lower edges of the segments (22) configured to form together with the guide grooves (18, 19) a rigid rear wall (22), the side walls (7, 8) being attached to a bottom part (2) forming the floor of the box and a top part (1) forming the roof of the box, the top part (1) and the bottom part (2) being provided with guide lugs (3, 4), which jut into cavities (5, 6) in the side walls (7, 8).

Claim 7. (previously presented) The key box as claimed in claim 6, characterized in that the segments (22) of the rear wall are configured as plastic injection-molded parts.

Claim 8. (previously presented) The key box as claimed in Claim 1, characterized in that the side walls (7, 8) have flanges (16, 17) forming parts of the rear wall.

Claim 9. (previously presented) The key box as claimed in Claim 6, characterized in that the side walls (7, 8) have flanges (16, 17) forming parts of the rear wall, and that the flanges (16, 17) of the side walls (7, 8) are configured as guide flanges for the segments (22-22) and as fastening flanges for the key box.

Claim 10. (currently amended) The key box as claimed in Claim 1, characterized in that the ~~key-hanging~~ means for hanging keys are formed by at least one key rail (25), which can be hung in perforations (24) in the rear wall (22-22).

Claim 11. (previously presented) The key box as claimed in Claim 1, characterized in that the top part (1) and the bottom part (2) of the housing are identically configured.

Claim 12. (previously presented) The key box as claimed in Claim 1, characterized in that the side walls (7, 8) of the housing are identically configured.

Claim 13. (previously presented) The key box as claimed in Claim 2, characterized in that the side walls (7, 8) and the door (13) are configured as aluminum extruded profiles.

Claim 14. (previously presented) The key box as claimed in Claim 2, characterized in that the top part (1) and the bottom part (2) are configured as plastic injection-molded parts.

Claim 15. (previously presented) The key box as claimed in Claim 1, characterized in that the rear wall comprises a plurality of segments (22) disposed one above the other.

Claim 16. (previously presented) The key box as claimed in Claim 2, characterized in that the side walls (7, 8) have flanges (16, 17) forming parts of the rear wall.

Claim 17. (previously presented) The key box as claimed in Claim 7, characterized in that the side walls (7, 8) have flanges (16, 17) forming parts of the rear wall, and that the flanges (16, 17) of the side walls (7, 8) are configured as guide flanges for the segments (22-22) and as fastening flanges for the key box.

Claim 18. (previously presented) The key box as claimed in Claim 8, characterized in that the rear wall consists of a plurality of segments disposed one above the other, and the flanges (16, 17) of the side walls (7, 8) are configured as guide flanges for the segments (22-22) and as fastening flanges for the key box.

Claim 19. (previously presented) The key box as claimed in Claim 2, characterized in that the top part (1) and the bottom part (2) of the housing are identically configured.

Claim 20. (previously presented) The key box as claimed in Claim 2, characterized in that the side walls (7, 8) of the housing are identically configured.

Claim 21 (currently amended) A key box having a door (13) and a metal and/or plastic housing which can be closed by the door (13), the housing comprising a rear wall (22, 22) and side walls (7, 8), the rear wall (22, 22) of the housing being provided with ~~key-hanging~~ means for hanging keys supported directly by said rear wall, said means for hanging keys being fixedly mounted to said rear wall in the assembled operating configuration of the key box but being removable from said rear wall, wherein the side walls (7, 8) and the door (13) comprise cut-to-length continuous profiles which, in the region of the edges of the side walls (7, 8) facing away from the door (13), have vertically running guide grooves (18, 19) for receiving webs (20, 21) of the rear wall (22, 22), the guide grooves (18, 19) being engaged behind the webs (20, 21), the side walls (7, 8) being attached to a bottom part (2) forming the floor of the box and a top part (1) forming the roof of the box.

Claim 22. (new) The key box as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the side walls (7, 8) comprise cavities (5, 6) and hollow-profile webs (9, 10) jutting into the cavities (5, 6), the ends of the hollow-profile webs being configured to receive screws (11, 12) for connecting the side walls (7, 8) to the top part (1) and the bottom part (2).